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Turning a Life Around

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Dr. Peter Tatum '02 possesses an exceptional proficiency for unwavering focus and boundless energy. It's what has allowed him to become a neurologist who is also working on his master's in public health, a musician with several credits to his name and a recognized fine artist, all while raising four children with his wife, Karen. At birth, his parents were deemed unfit by the State of New Jersey, and he was placed into foster care. While growing up, Tatum did not always put his extreme focus and energy to good use. He got into trouble often, was placed into remedial classes in grade school, and had many altercations including getting his car shot up by someone he used to be acquainted with. As he relays, he was not associating with the best of people. That is until he enrolled at CCM.

“CCM is where I found five great mentors who helped shape my life,” says Tatum, who earned his Associate of Fine Arts from the college. “I really did start right. One thing that really stands out about CCM is everybody is ready to help you.”



The five people who shaped him were Fine Arts Professor Keith Smith; Eric Jiaju Lee, who used to teach at the college; Jack Martin, CCM's first athletic director and basketball coach; Marcus Pryor, a former basketball coach and counselor at the college; and Derrick Turner, who formerly worked at CCM.

“They knew I was getting into a lot of trouble, but they still saw the potential in me,” says Tatum. “A lot of people in my life were giving me negative feedback only, even on doing art. And then I found these five who went out of their way for me and for the first time I was being praised.”

Yet, it took him a while to find a solid direction. Although he had success as a musician who released a couple of hip-hop albums and was developing his fine art skills, he earned his living unloading trucks and stocking shelves.

When his first child was born, he decided to turn things around. Having taken several aptitude tests, the recommendations included careers in science, so he enrolled at Rutgers-Newark and then earned his MD from Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine. He joined the Air Force, in part, because it would fund his Rowan education and he also thought the structure in the military would help him develop discipline while serving his country.

He decided to specialize in neurology because of the abundance of unknowns, the prospects for making groundbreaking discoveries and the opportunities for research. After finishing a neurology residency at Tufts Medical Center, Tatum completed a clinical neurophysiology fellowship at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center where he learned how to perform and interpret electromyography and electroencephalogram tests. He also wants to be part of leveling the socioeconomic disparities in health care, which is why he is earning a master's in public health.

[Read more.](#)



CCM recently hosted its first **Summer Institute for Data Science and Advanced Manufacturing.**

Taking part were approximately 90 students from 20 local area high schools. The students participated in four days of hands-on workshops. The institute focused on introducing students to data science technologies and concepts using R, Python and Tableau. Projects ranged from image generation using AI, modeling song selection using decision trees, sentiment analysis and visualizing data in Tableau. The students rated their overall experience with a 4.3 on a scale of 5.



Professor Kelly Fitzpatrick, who organized the event, noted, “The Data Science Summer Institute is a great opportunity to get students to think about data science as a career path early on in their lives. Roughly 70 percent of our students were entering 9th grade. The students engaged in projects that used industry technologies such as R, Python and Tableau.”

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Table of Hope to Hold Backpack Giveaway at CCM Free Supplies for a New School Year



As parents start to plan for a new school year, Table of Hope once again is helping to make things easier with a free backpack distribution event at CCM.

The Backpack Giveaway takes place Friday, August 18, from 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. in Parking Lot 1.

CCM has hosted numerous events with Table of Hope to assist those in need. This latest distribution event will provide backpacks filled with school supplies, consisting of pencils, rulers, glue sticks, notebooks and more.

Shortly after the COVID-19 pandemic struck New Jersey, Table of Hope, a program run by the Spring Street Community Development Corporation, began operating weekly mobile food distribution programs in Morristown, Parsippany and Dover, along with other grocery supply events in Morris County communities. Its first event at CCM was held in June 2020.

Radiography and Respiratory Therapy Graduations

The Radiography and Respiratory Therapy programs recently held graduation ceremonies. Both were live streamed.

You can watch the Radiography Graduation at <https://youtu.be/xAHyJt-p5R8> and the Respiratory Therapy at <https://youtu.be/xtqLLh4Ccg>

Campus Construction Updates

Academic Complex Elevators and Third Floor Walkway

In the next coming weeks, interior welding and hot work will be occurring. There will be intermittent noise and minor odors during this process. The crane operation will be starting in Area 1 (Cohen Hall/Sheffield Hall) early next week for an approximate duration of two weeks. We have discovered some hidden conduits under, and within, the first-floor slabs that were not visible in the penetrating radar scans. When this happens, we might temporarily lose power or HVAC control in certain areas unexpectedly. As you would normally, please reach out to Plant & Maintenance at ext. 5500 if you find you have a partial loss of power, or the HVAC system is not acting as you would normally expect. We have been able to restore systems relatively quickly, but the sooner Plant knows the sooner they can get things restored.

Public Safety and Plant are continuing to work daily on updating caution and detour signage as the work shifts within the buildings. If you have any concerns, please call Business & Finance at ext. 5012 and they will direct the questions or concerns to the correct department/person.

To keep informed of the construction progress throughout the summer, please check the CCMemo for regular updates. We again thank the campus community for your assistance with preparing for the summer construction schedule. As communicated over the last few years, the completed project will provide much-needed accessibility (ADA) access to the third floors of Cohen, Sheffield, and DeMare halls with larger elevator cabs and a connection between the buildings' third floors. The third-floor connections will improve circulation and provide additional options for emergency egress. The old elevators and equipment rooms will be converted to fully ADA-compliant gender-neutral (all gender) single-stall restrooms and additional building storage. This project is funded through the college's Chapter 12 appropriation and was approved by Morris County.

Morris County Vocational School Career Technical Education Center

In the next coming weeks, trailers and equipment for the construction will be delivered and staged within the fenced in area in Parking Lot 9. The section of Parking Lot 9 near the Tennis Court stairs will remain open for parking. Parking lots 7 and 8 will also be available for parking of students, faculty, and staff. The sidewalk near the fence heading towards the AMEC building from Parking Lot 9 will remain open for use. The new facility will focus on workforce development learning opportunities and will operate on a share-time model for high school juniors and seniors. The project expands and supports the partnership between the Morris County Vocational School District and CCM. This project is funded through the Securing Our Children's Future Bond Act.

Public Safety and Plant are continuing to work daily on updating caution, logistics and detour signage. If you have any concerns, please call Business & Finance at ext. 5012 and they will direct the questions or concerns to the correct department/person.

Existing Sewer Lift Station (Randolph Township) at the Plant Maintenance Building

This work provides a new sewer lift station, generator, landscaping, and a new set of lines to and

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Submissions must be received by 3 p.m. Wednesday.

Looking for past issues of the CCMemo? [Find them here.](#)

Extended Office Hours

Several offices will be open for extended hours this month and next. Admissions, TASC, Records & Registration, Financial Aid, the Bursar's office and the Bookstore will be open Tuesday, August 28, through Thursday, August 31, and Tuesday, September 5, through Thursday, September 7, from 8:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. On Monday, September 11, they will return to their usual schedule.

New Books at the Library



The library is now featuring a display of its new books. A total of 88 new titles are now available. Click below for the complete list and click on the title for details.

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from Route 10. The lift station serves CCM and a few buildings to the west along Route 10. CCM is the main beneficiary of the construction. The project will be completed in phases. Phase I will include constructing the new sewer lift station with an anticipated completion this month. Phase II will include the installation of the new generator which has a longer lead time with an anticipated completion in spring 2024. This project is funded through the Township of Randolph.

Are You Frustrated with Passwords?

Passwords are often one of the most painful and confusing security behaviors we teach people, and yet they are also often one of the greatest risks to most organizations.

Like most people, you likely find creating, managing and remembering all your different passwords a daunting task. It seems like every website has different password rules and many require additional security measures such as security questions. Wouldn't it be great if there was a single solution to take care of all your password problems? There is. It's called a password manager.

But how do you choose a password manager that's right for you? You can read all about it in the latest issue of [OUCH!](#)

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